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in a solvent selected from N,N-dimethylformamide, or dimethyl acetals of lower aliphatic aldehydes, dimethyl ketals of lower aliphatic ketones and 1, 2-dialkoxyethane and ketones with tertiary butylamine and crystallization of the erbumine salt thus obtained by heating the reaction mixture to reflux, filtering hot to remove any insoluble or suspended matter, cooling to 20°C to 30°C and further cooling to 0°C to 15°C for 30 minutes to 1 hour and finally filtering off and drying the crystals.

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Replace the Paragraph at Page 28, lines \$\mathcal{g}\$-10 with:

Perindopril prepared by any of the methods mentioned hereinabove was converted to perindopril erbumine (II) and crystallized from N,N-dimethylformamide, or dimethyl acetals of lower aliphatic aldehydes, dimethyl ketals of lower aliphatic ketones and 1, 2- dialkoxyethane and ketones selected from dimethoxymethane, 1,2-dimethoxyethane and 2,2-dimethoxypropane as detailed hereinbelow.

Replace the Paragraph at Page 40, lines 12-19:

The above results clearly reveal that perindopril (I) prepared by any method and converted to perindopril erbumine (II) in a solvent selected from N,N-dimethylformamide and dimethyl acetals of lower aliphatic aldehydes, dimethyl ketals of lower aliphatic ketones and 1, 2- dialkoxyethane or ketones and crystallized from the said solvent(s) gives crystalline perindopril erbumine (II), possessing a X-ray (powder) diffraction pattern, IR spectrum and DSC spectrum identical and/or superimposable with the crystalline form of perindopril erbumine obtained by crystallization from ethyl acetate, as per the method described in US. 4 914 214.

Replace the Paragraph at Page 40, lines 21-26 with: